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## **COVID-19 Press Bulletin for 11-6-2020**

Carson City, NV — Today, Caleb Cage, Nevada COVID-19 Response Director and Julia Peek, Deputy Administrator of Community Health Services, provided updates on Nevada's ongoing COVID-19 response, testing and reporting during a teleconference with members of the media.

This bulletin provides facts, figures, and informational items from the call. As a reminder, data is provided in a dashboard on the home page of the <a href="Nevada Health Response">Nevada Health Response</a> website and can be accessed 24 hours a day.

## **SUMMARY:**

- As of today, Nevada has logged 106,922 cases, an increase of 1,562 new cases since yesterday.
  - o 1,032 or approx. 66.1% were in Clark County.
  - o 333 or approx. 21.3% were in Washoe County.
  - 197 or approx. 12.6% were spread throughout the rest of the State.
- For the most recent 7-day period, cases are growing at a rate of 1%, or 1,019 new cases per day.
- Nevada has now completed a total of 1,312,492 molecular tests since the beginning of COVID-19.

- The test positivity rate over the last 14 days is 12%.
- As the weather changes, driving more people toward indoor activities and the flu season begins, hospitals may be placed under additional stress due to the competing presence of both influenza and COVID-19.
- Hospitalizations related to COVID-19 are now at 770 (550 confirmed;
  120 suspected)
  - The healthcare infrastructure in the northern part of the state is beginning to feel the stress of increased all-cause hospitalizations coupled with COVID-19.
- Statewide hospital occupancy rates are at 78%.
  - ICU occupancy rate is at 66%.
  - Ventilator use is at 26 % statewide, for all patients.
- Statewide traditional case investigation and contact tracing efforts are ongoing, and Nevadans are encouraged to download the COVID Trace app to their smartphone to supplement those efforts.
  - Since the beginning of COVID in the state to today a total of 27,058 cases have been identified as a result of contact tracing efforts statewide. This now represents 25.3% of the total cases reported to date.
  - Related to surge staffing efforts, since June 18, 2020, a total of 165,356 calls to close contacts have been logged.
    - Agents logged a total of 2,862 calls as of 8 p.m. PST last night.
  - Related to the text messaging of close contacts, the campaign resulted in 3,273 total text message exchanges, with 1,202

- unique outbound communications and an 83% response rate from unique contacts.
- The COVID Trace app will undergo an update regarding notification settings, by tonight, Nov. 6.
  - Currently, there has been 67,724 downloads of the COVID Trace app.
  - A total of 17 cases have had the app at the time of their diagnosis, with 17 related exposure notifications sent as a result of those cases.

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